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SUBJ: ASSASSINATION OF COL. ELIAS RAMIREZ

REF: GUATEMALA 3041

1. APRIL 22 PRESS CARRIED PARTIAL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE FROM THE EJERCITO GUERRILLERO DE LOS POBRES (EGP), IN WICH EGP TOOK CREDIT FOR THE APRIL 21 ASSASSINATION OF COL. ELIAS RAMIREZ (REPORTED REFTEL.

2. COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT KILLING HAD BEEN "POPULAR JUSTICE" CARRIED OUT AGAINST "THOSE WHO OPPRESS US IN THE NAME OF THE INTERESTS OF THE RICH AND GRINGO IMPERIALISM."

3. REASON FOR KILLING, ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE, WAS RAMIREZ'S INVOLVEMENT IN "MURDERS AND DISAPPEARANCES", INCLUDING THOSE OF BERNARDO ALVARADO MONZON AND SIX OTHERS. THE SEVEN NAMES ARE THOSE OF THE SEVEN PGT LEADERS WHOS BODIES WERE NEVER FOUND FOLLOWING THEIR DISAPPEARANCE IN SEPTEMBER 1972.

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4. COMMENT: ALL EVIDENCE TO DATE HAS TENDED TO CONFIRM

ACCURACY OF OTHER EGP COMMUNIQUE, E.G., THE ONES TAKING CREDIT FOR THE BERNAL HERNANDEZ ASSASSINATION IN DECEMBER 1975, AND FOR THE APRIL 1976 ROBBERY OF WEAPONS FROM A DOWNTOWN ARMS STORE, AND THE ONE DENYING INVOLVEMENT IN THE RECENT KIDNAPPING OF A MEMBER OF THE WEALTHY NOVELLA FAMILY.

5. A SLIGHTLY UNUSUAL ASPECT OF THIS MOST RECENT COMMUNIQUE IS THE CLAIM THAT THE RAMIREZ ASSASSINATION REPRESENTS VENGEANCE FOR MURDERS OF PGT MEMBERS, AS THE PGT IS NOW KNOWN TO HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH THE EGP. ANDREWS

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